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President's Report

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This is the first issue of *The Canal Zone Philatelist* under the guidance of the new editor, David J. Leeds. We are very fortunate to have David filling this important post as he brings both a vast and distinguished range of philatelic expertise and a range of professional experience that will contribute to his effectiveness as a writer and editor.

David is a retired Lt. Col. in the United States Air Force and is an engineering seismology consultant, having served with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and with UCLA. He is an Honorary Member of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, having been Editor of the *Earthquake Engineering Research Institute NEWSLETTER* from 1970-84.

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Mail Sale No. 21

This is a reminder for the next mail sale. Consignments are due June 1 through 30th. Send to Brad Wilde, c/o P&M Coal Mining Co., P.O. Box 6518, Englewood, CO 80155-6518. See last issue for additional detail.

Meeting Notices

At the World Columbian Stamp Expo there will be a meeting of the CZSG at the Rosemont-O'Hare Exposition Center on Saturday, May 23, 1992, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Details from John C. Smith, 408 Redwood Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193.

At STAmPSHOW 92 during the American Philatelic Society Convention and Champion of Champions Exhibition in Oakland, California, there will be a 40th Anniversary meeting of the CZSG on Saturday, August 29, 1992 at 1:00 p.m. Details from R. Salz, 60-27th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.

1992 CZSG Questionnaire Results

by John C. Smith

Response to our survey exceeded expectations. By January 20, 1992, closing date of the survey, 758 members had returned their dues and election ballots. That included 36 or 5.4% female members. Moreover, 667 returned their dues envelope with the survey form at least partially answered. That is 88% of the membership. This, by any stretch of the imagination, indicates a healthy interest in the CZSG and its activities. Mailing out the survey forms along with the dues may have contributed to the success. Our original fear was that few would take time to fill it out.

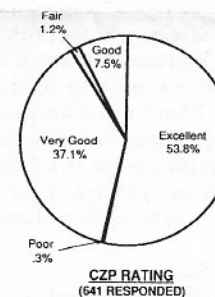
Your CZSG officers believe this information has given an excellent overview and feeling as to where the membership's interests lie. We now have a better foundation to build on and improve our already fantastic group. Keep in mind the success of the CZSG is still dependent on members contributing in any way they can. Also remember the CZSG is a voluntarily run society and survives by people who give their time freely and receive nothing but pride and satisfaction. We hope that reflecting the data with "pie" charts will make it easier to understand.

Now for the results! The most satisfying were the ratings you gave the Canal Zone Study Group and the *Canal Zone Philatelist*. The majority rated the Canal Zone Study Group excellent (63.2%) and the CZP excellent (53.8%), see Diagram 1. This does not mean to say there is no room for improvement. There were numerous fine comments and great suggestions, which will be answered in future CZP's.

The age distribution in our group is revealing. We are primarily a middle aged to very mature group. This is also the case in the APS, according to their survey held in November 1991. The largest age group (29.3%) is in the 41 to 50 year old category, see Diagram 2. One cannot help but think that stamp collecting by middle to upper aged members is due in part to more free time. Perhaps the kids are grown and life has settled down to, hopefully, a more relaxed pace.

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Diagram 1
RATINGS OF THE CZSG &
THE CANAL ZONE PHILATELIST



Meeting Notice Call for Exhibits

ARIPEX93, Tucson, Arizona, January 22-24, 1993 will have a special showing of Canal Zone and a Regional CZSG Meeting. The meeting will take place Saturday, January 23, at the Tucson Convention Center. Seventy-five (75) frames have been reserved for Canal Zone exhibits. The CZSG Medal may be awarded to a suitable exhibit. Request prospectus from Mrs. Betsy Towle, 4621 E. Don Jose Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718. Please also send duplicate copy of Request for Frames to Lawson P. Entwistle, 10,000 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85748.

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Articles and information for publication should be sent to David J. Leeds, P.O. Box 491472, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Manuscripts must be double-spaced typed or printed copy. Glossy photographs must be supplied for figures of stamps or covers which must show clearly against black backgrounds. Photocopies are not satisfactory. If you need help, write to the Editor. The author must advise the Editor if the article has been published or is being considered for publication elsewhere.

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WWII Canal Zone Naval Postmarks

The detail missing from the 122 Branch marking illustrated in these columns, CZP 101:25, Figure 2, has been identified. George Cosentini has submitted xeroxes of clear strikes, dated May 3 and June 23, 1944, showing the missing letters "U.S. NAVY." Both of his covers are official, registered, franked with 20¢ U.S., addressed to Atlantic Fleet Records Office, Third Naval District, Fleet Post Office, New York. Printed corner cards are "U.S.S. PC-1184, c/o F.P.O., New York" and "U.S.S. SC 1023, c/o Postmaster, New York."

Another Canal Zone naval postmark, not previously reported in these columns, has surfaced, a circle date stamp "SUBMARINE SQUADRON THREE" (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1. Submarine Squadron Three CDS.

This too is a registered, airmail, with 75¢ U.S. postage (15¢ registration, 2 oz. airmail). The printed return address is "15th Naval District, Balboa, Canal Zone." The backstamped dates (Fig. 2) show November 2, 1941 at both Submarine Squadron Three and Miami, which is quite possible considering air time from Balboa to Miami. The Washington arrival is the following day. We have not researched "Submarine Squadron Three" and would welcome any details. Was it a floating tender or fixed land base?

David J. Leeds

From The Editor

David J. Leeds

A rereading of introductory messages from former editors Gary Weiss (CZP 86:3) and Bob Reisinger (CZP 94:4) reinforces my own concerns. Quoting Richard Bates, "one of the prerequisites for the position of editor is an ability to generate pertinent material when none is forthcoming from the membership." I don't want to exploit that ability, if indeed it exists, but believe we will have a better journal and consequently a better Study Group if more material comes from the members.

In scanning the issues under the purview of these two previous editors, I find that Gary had a wide circle of contributors plus his own efforts and that Bob was also successful in encouraging contributions, frequently from Richard Bates.

I, too, hope to encourage material from many of our members — that is the only way we can continue the broad scope of Canal Zone philately. This encouragement extends to willingness to help with writing or rewriting your articles. We can handle it no matter how inadequate you think it is or, in the other extreme, by not tinkering with your golden words.

The important thing is that articles submitted by our members highlight our collecting interests and the direction that the journal takes. You can control the CZP more effectively than the editor. So let us have your input.

I expect to continue our regular features — words of wisdom from the President, Society matters (Secretary, Treasurer reports etc.), meeting announcements, auction reports, book reviews, and other items of interest. New discoveries, yes, but thank goodness for no new issues! However, I question the value of reprinting easily available material and will do little of it.

We hope to initiate a series of articles on the Canal Zone post offices, from Ancon (1904) to Rainbow City (1962). For this we solicit photos of post office buildings through the years, names of postmasters with dates, details of volume handled, etc. Typical covers with town postal markings will also be illustrated. This will be a full-scale expansion of the series on "Canal Zone Towns" by J.W. Brumbaugh (CZP 51:16 and on).

Another target is updating (corrections and additions) the 1985 United Postal Stationery Society's *The Postal Stationery of the Canal Zone*. We have a presumed new major listing of UX9 (S16) of a flat bed printing, which is currently being documented, and a number of earliest reported dates (ERD) for many items. We solicit additions and corrections to the 1985 publication.



Fig. 2. Sub Squad Three cover.

Questionnaire Results

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It is not surprising that out of six topics you were asked to rank in order of interest the category Stamps (In General) had the greatest interest, a whopping 75.7%, see Table 1. Most members (71.3%) said they collected stamps both in mint and used condition, see Diagram 3. Collecting both conditions is not surprising. In some cases a used Canal Zone stamp can be as scarce as its mint counterpart. Also, the price gap between other Canal Zone stamps can be considerable, thus leading a collector to collect both conditions. It's also worth noting the degree of interest in the CZ Literature/Memorabilia category, see Table 1.

Diagram 2
AGE DISTRIBUTION
in the CZSG
(604 RESPONDED)

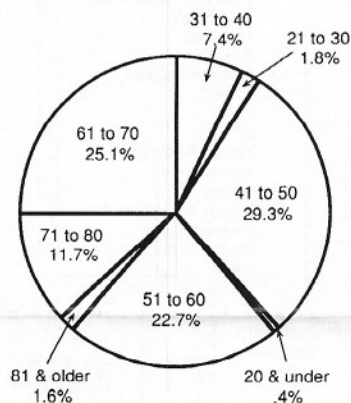
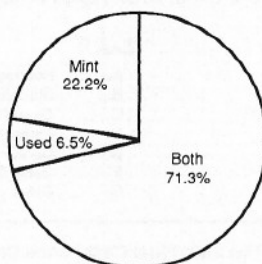


Table 1
CANAL ZONE TOPICS
LISTED IN ORDER OF GREATEST INTEREST

SIX SELECTED CANAL ZONE TOPICS (In General)						
STAMPS	COVERS	STATIONERY	POSTAL MARKINGS	LITERATURE/MEMORABILIA	CENSOR MARKINGS	
1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th place	5th place	6th place	
465 (75.7%)	92 (18.1%)	26 (5.4%)	19 (4.7%)	18 (4.3%)	3 (0.9%)	1st choice
71 (11.6%)	188 (37.0%)	191 (39.5%)	69 (17.2%)	52 (12.5%)	6 (1.9%)	2nd choice
34 (5.5%)	163 (32.1%)	107 (22.1%)	88 (21.9%)	84 (20.2%)	24 (7.6%)	3rd choice
17 (2.8%)	41 (8.1%)	65 (13.4%)	128 (31.9%)	97 (23.3%)	50 (15.8%)	4th choice
19 (3.1%)	13 (2.5%)	49 (10.1%)	79 (19.7%)	60 (14.4%)	109 (34.5%)	5th choice
8 (1.3%)	11 (2.2%)	46 (9.5%)	18 (4.5%)	105 (25.2%)	124 (39.2%)	6th choice
614 Responded	508 Responded	484 Responded	401 Responded	416 Responded	316 Responded	

Note: 1) Write-ins were very numerous. They primarily fell into one of the six selected topics listed above. For their breakdowns refer to diagrams 4, 5 & 6.
2) Data was calculated from all of the 667 survey forms. (Some forms only had one or two categories selected, causing the different totals)

Diagram 3
CONDITION COLLECTED
(Stamps & Stationery)
(540 Responded)



Breakdowns of the three most popular categories — stamps, stationery, and covers are shown in Diagrams 4, 5, & 6. Curiously, out of all the individual topics in the stamp and cover categories, none had more than 18% interest. This is probably due to the wide range of collecting interests.

The last category dealt with geographical collecting areas other than the Canal Zone, see Diagram 7. Some of the more popular countries collected that were write-ins are listed in order of popularity: Canada, Panama, Germany, United Nations, U.K. (British Col.), Mexico, Sweden, China, Ireland, Spain, France, and Scandinavia.

We hope you have found some interesting information in this report. Your officers thank everyone for your enthusiasm and hope you will continue to support and enjoy being a member of the greatest stamp group in the world, The Canal Zone Study

Diagram 4
INDIVIDUAL STAMP CATEGORIES
OF GREATEST INTEREST
308* (46.2%) Collect all Topics, the remaining 53.8% is reflected in the pie chart

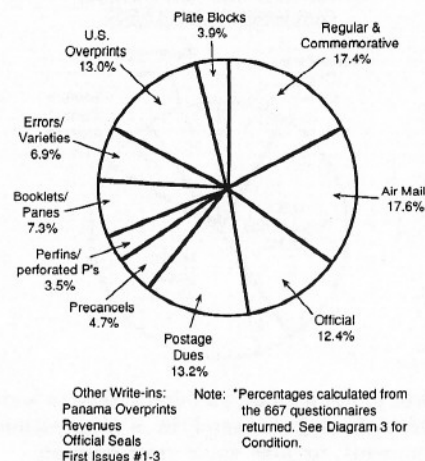


Diagram 5
INDIVIDUAL STATIONERY CATEGORIES
OF GREATEST INTEREST
378* (56.7%) Collect all Topics, the remaining 43.3% is reflected in the pie chart

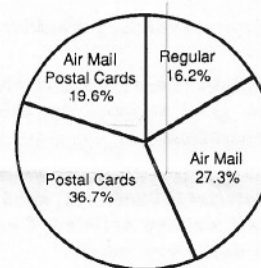
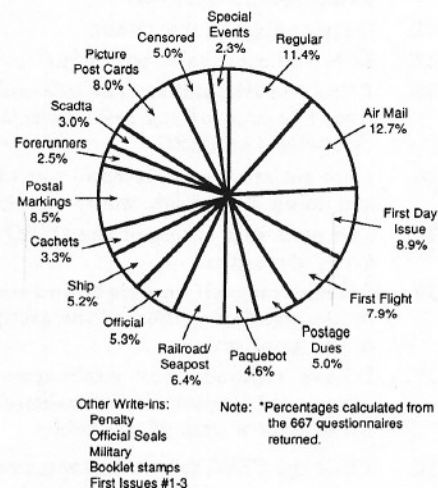


Diagram 6
INDIVIDUAL COVER CATEGORIES
OF GREATEST INTEREST
112* (16.8%) Collect all Topics, the remaining 83.2% is reflected in the pie chart

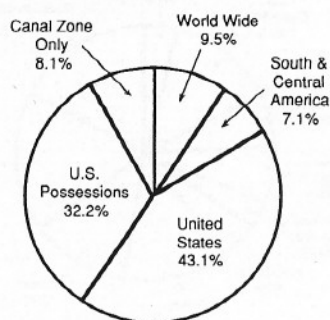


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Diagram 7
OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS
OUR MEMBERS COLLECT



Group! Remember, you don't have to wait for a survey to send in a suggestion, comment, or just voice your opinion.

Two lists follow — the first is mostly complimentary, but welcome, remarks. The second list, labelled "Comments and Questions," is more specific, with many helpful suggestions that the Board will address at a later date.

1. I'm grateful for your excellent program
2. I enjoy just reading whatever comes along
3. The main reason I am in the CZSG is to give support to this great organization
4. You folks are doing a great job
5. *Philatelist* is excellent, good variety & well written articles, I enjoy the mail sale very much
6. The yearly mail sale is great, I look forward to it eagerly
7. I like the *Philatelist* as it presently is
8. Good job, keep up the fine work
9. You're doing a wonderful job, keep it up
10. I enjoy membership in the CZSG and the benefits of this organization, pamphlets, books, etc.
11. Outstanding Study Group
12. Love the mail sale, well done
13. I find the *Philatelist* very informative, I've enjoyed my brief association with the CZSG
14. I am satisfied as it is now, you all are doing a good job, many thanks
15. The mail sale is one of the CZSG's great strengths
16. I consider myself a novice & am awed by the wonderful effort of the group & the publications
17. I have enjoyed your publications very much this past year even though CZ is only a part of my hobby
18. I find the CZSG to be a fine resource
19. All the officers do a great job, thanks
20. Pleased with all facets of the study group, thanks to those responsible

ANONYMOUS CZSG QUESTIONNAIRE

This survey is intended to give the Canal Zone Study Group members and officers a feeling as to the most popular philatelic collecting areas of Canal Zone Study Group members. The responses will be tabulated and reported in the CZP. All information other than the overall totals for each topic will be kept strictly confidential.

1) The Canal Zone Topics of Greatest Interest to you are: (Rank Them in Order of Interest)

Item	Canal Zone Topics	Rank In Order of Interest
A.	Stamps (In General)	_____ 1st choice
B.	Stationery (In General)	_____ 2nd
C.	Covers (In General)	_____ 3rd
D.	Postal Markings (In General)	_____ 4th
E.	Censor Markings (In General)	_____ 5th
F.	Canal Zone Literature/Memorabilia	_____ 6th
G.	Other _____	_____ 7th

2) The Individual Canal Zone Categories of Greatest Interest to you are: (check all that apply)

A. Stamps: All Categories Regular & Commemorative Issues Air Mail Official Postage Dues Precancels Perfins/Perforated P's Booklets/Panes Errors/Varieties U.S. Overprints Plate Blocks Other _____	B. Stationery: All Categories Regular Air Mail Postal Cards Air Postal Cards Other _____
C. Covers: All Categories Regular Air Mail First Day (In General) First Flight Censored Paquebot Railroad/Seapost Official Ship Cachets Postal Markings Forerunners Scatla Picture Post Cards Postage Dues Special Events Other _____	

Condition Collected: Mint ☐ Used ☐ Both ☐

3) General:

a) What Geographical Areas do you Collect: (Other than the Canal Zone)

World Wide ☐
 South/Central Amer. ☐
 United States ☐
 U.S. Possessions ☐
 Canal Zone Only ☐
 Other _____

b) Your Age Group:

20 & Under ☐ 51 to 60 ☐
 21 to 30 ☐ 61 to 70 ☐
 31 to 40 ☐ 71 to 80 ☐
 41 to 50 ☐ 81 or Older ☐

4) How do you Rate the CZSG:

Excellent ☐
 Very Good ☐
 Good ☐
 Fair ☐
 Poor ☐

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Comments Welcomed: What would you like the CZSG to do that it does not do at present? In what area(s) would you like to see more articles in the *Philatelist*? In what area(s) are you interested in seeing more handbooks prepared? Are you interested in preparing an article or handbook?

(For more room write on the back of this form)

21. The CZSG is doing a wonderful job for a rather small group of collectors, I highly recommend the CZSG to any who maybe interested in collecting CZ. Your books and publications are amazing for a small club
22. I appreciate the effort of the dedicated members of the CZSG
23. I enjoy your literature and whatever you do is fine with me
24. Many thanks to our dedicated officers
25. I do not collect CZ but I enjoy the society and the CZP
26. You do an excellent job and are to be commended for all the work
27. At \$8, this society is the best bargain of all the local & national clubs I join; accessibility to the club's sales for both buying and selling is priceless for collectors of specialized areas such as the CZ
28. Very satisfied with the organization
29. Overall I enjoy the *Philatelist*, it has a good mix of articles
30. CZSG publications are excellent
31. Those involved with the book "Canal Zone Stamps" should be commended
32. I find the auction reports very interesting
33. Annual sale is enjoyed
34. Very pleased compared to other societies
35. It's a pleasure to have members like Dick Salz and Dick Bates
36. Very happy with the CZSG
37. I have to admit that I am not a serious collector. I retain my membership mostly to offer support to the CZSG, which does an excellent job from my point of view
38. Sold my CZ collection several years ago but still enjoy reading the *Philatelist*

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Mixed Franking/Late Usage

by John C. Smith and David J. Leeds

Mixed franking during the July 1 through August 31, 1924 transition period from Panama stamps overprinted CANAL ZONE to United States stamps overprinted CANAL ZONE has been mentioned several times in the literature (CZP 11:12, 12:21, and 14:12) but has not been flagged in this journal. Details of the abrogation of the Taft Agreement and transfer to U.S. overprints are given in *Canal Zone Stamps*, starting on page 119. Briefly, Panama overprints were withdrawn June 30, 1924 and declared invalid for use after July 31, 1924. The date was subsequently extended to August 31, 1924 for adhesives and indefinitely for postal stationery with printing (such as return address or printed message).

Only a handful of covers (Figs. 1-3, trimmed photos of complete covers) have been noted from the two-month period showing mixed usage of overprinted CZ/Panama with CZ/U.S. stamps or stationery. They are tabulated here from the above sources as well as the authors' collections:

71(FD), 68	7/1/24	First Day #71	
73, 75, 23	7/31/24		
73, U5	Gatun	7/1/24	First Day #73 Fig. 1.
74, 76, 16a	7/31/24		
78, 9	7/31/24		
71(2), 73, + 8	Pan.	—	
U7(FD), 68	Gatun	7/1/24	First Day U7

Several of these covers exist, some with a slug workup in the date appearing "JUL 11."

Fig. 2.

U8(FD), 69	Gatun	7/1/24	First Day U8 Fig. 3.
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Although late usage of Panama overprinted postal stationery with printed corner cards or message was authorized, use of stationery without private printing was not authorized but tolerated without assessment of postage due. Exceptional items would be the late use of stamps or postal stationery with demonetized postage and properly collected postage due. These we have not seen. If any of our members has one, we would like to illustrate it in a coming issue of CZP. A list of late usage covers noted follows:

U2	Ft. Sherman	7/31/24	First announced last day Fig. 4.
U2	Ancon	10/9/24	Printed.
U5	Balboa Hts.	10/4/24	Not printed. Improper use. Fig. 5.
U5	Cristobal	11/24/24	Not printed. Improper use.
U5	Balboa	12/2/24	Printed.
U4	Pedro Miguel	6/29/26	Printed.
U5, 71, 73 (7) Balboa	11/7/24		Printed corner card, registered to England. Foreign registry 10¢, 5¢ foreign postage did not take advantage of the still valid stamped envelope. Illustrated in CZP 27:15.

UX 6 9/8/26

These covers should be more plentiful since when U.S. stationery went into use there were still remaining stocks of Panama overprinted stationery (later burned). Most likely, as July 1 approached, CZ postal clerks discouraged sale of about to be withdrawn Panama items on which they would lose 40% revenue.

President's Report

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David is active in practically every aspect of philately you can imagine. He is an award winning exhibitor, including golds and grands at major national shows and awards at international shows. His plaudits include the CZSG Exhibitor's Medal the first time it was awarded (at BALPEX '90). As an APS accredited judge, he also sees both sides of exhibiting. He is one of the original members of The Canal Zone Study Group and currently serves as President of COPAPHIL, the Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group, in addition to being a member of many other

philatelic organizations. He has been a regular contributor to *The Canal Zone Philatelist* and is currently working on a major work, *Canal Zone Aerophilately 1918-1979*.

I am pleased on behalf of the entire organization that David has agreed to take this important job and welcome him to the post of Editor. I know that his work will be greatly aided by the help his wife Arline will give him and welcome her with great enthusiasm as well.



Fig. 1. First day Scott 73 with U5.



Fig. 2. First day Scott U6 with 68.

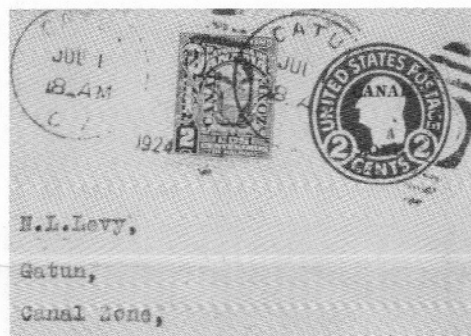


Fig. 3. First day Scott U7 with 69.



Fig. 4. First announced last day Scott U2, Ft. Sherman, July 31, 1924.



Fig. 5. Improper late usage, Scott U5, Oct. 4, 1924.

Cali Cancel by David J. Leeds

Previous articles (CZP 66:1, 94:1), as well as Lawson Entwistle's *Postal Markings of the Canal Zone*, have discussed the operation of the Air Mail Transfer Agency managed by the Cristobal Post Office at Cali, Colombia. See also COPAPHIL's *COPACARTA VII*, 2, November 1988, pages 23, 30-31 and 37-38. A new discovery of the use of the "AIR MAIL" device (Entwistle AM-5) is shown as Fig. 1. Heretofore, only the "REGISTERED" marking (Entwistle Rg-25A) was known on mail, used as a backstamp transit marking on registered mail.

As stated in CZP 66:3, "it was clearly understood that the Cali Agency accepted no new mail nor sold any stamps. Any mail entering the stream at Cali would have to pass through the Colombian post office. The agency clerks, however, could place personal mail in the sacks provided the Colombian post office agreed and that the **Colombian stamps were properly cancelled.**"

Covers are well known and desirable showing Cali as a Transfer Agency processing registered mail into and from FAM-9 between September 2, 1940 and January 31, 1942. Proof of handling at Cali is the CDS RG-25a in magenta on the reverse of the registered cover. The most frequently found covers show Argentina or Pacific

Coast South American origins. There are rare instances of registered mail originating in Axis countries, Colombia, and the United States.

The agreement with Colombia implies that Colombian stamps should have been used by Agency personnel and that they would have been "properly cancelled." A "proper" cancel should have been Cristobal Paquebot although it is more likely that the clerks would have used the AM-5 marking at hand on Colombian stamps. No such covers have been noted. The illustration shows a strictly under-the-counter "favor" cover, one of several prepared by one of the Agency personnel, mailed to a postal clerk in the registered air mail section of the Cristobal Post Office. While it has Canal Zone franking, some of the others have United States franking. Note that this is the "AIR MAIL" CDS cancel device AM-5 not previously reported in use. The strike is dated September 5, 1940, three days after establishment of the Agency. The cover flew on the second northbound flight serviced through Cali. Earliest reported dates are much later in the month.

A facing slip is also shown (Fig. 2). The pristine condition of the facing slip, with strikes of AM-5 on the back, implies that it too is a "favor." This discovery also includes a sheet of paper filled with two dozen strikes of AM-5, and a pencil note "Practicing." The handstamp was probably only properly used on facing slips or other paperwork.

Record of the cover, Cali — Cristobal, is being added to our still uncompleted monograph/checklist of *Canal Zone Aerophilately*.



Fig. 1. Cali "favor" cover.

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Dr. Helme's CZ First Issue Collection Being Offered by Andrew Levitt

An ad in *Linn's* March 23, 1992 issue provides some details of Dr. James B. Helme's award-winning collection of the first issue of Canal Zone (Scott #1-3) to be sold by Andrew Levitt. The ad illustrates three of the many rarities in the collection: a unique block of four of the 2c inverted, a pair of the 5c inverted on cover, and the 10c double CZ. Also mentioned is that the collection is being offered intact or may be broken up for sale. Further details may be obtained from Mr. Levitt.

The over 70 First Issue items included in the offering have been displayed at various exhibitions over almost 20 years. They were part of entries showing research on the Panama overprints used by the CZ through Scott #20; these earned nine US Gold medals, three International Golds, and one International Large Gold, including Felicitation from the Jury at Phillexfrance '82, its last showing. Items in Helme's collections after the First Issues through Scott #20 will be offered for sale in the near future, and then Scott #21-69 will be sold. The latter have not been mounted or exhibited.

Dr. Helme has been a member of CZSG and CZ collector for over 40 years — his Panama specialty precedes that by another 15 years. He has won numerous exhibition and literature awards as well as the FIP Medal for Research at Phillexfrance '89 "for lifelong research on the stamps on Panama, Canal Zone, and Colombia." Dr. Helme acknowledges the help of several senior CZSG members in determining the best method of disposition of the first part of his collection.

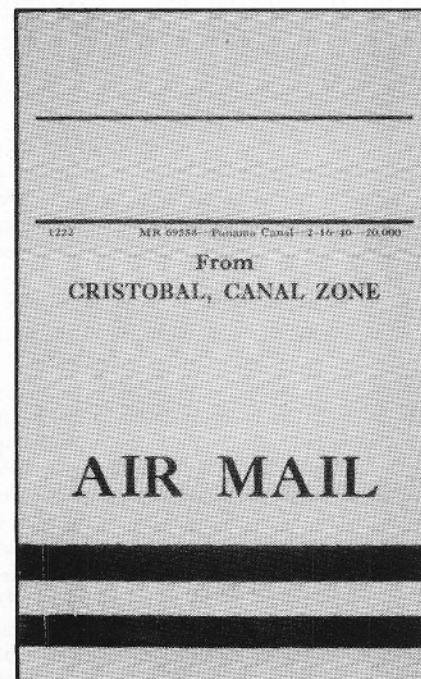


Fig. 2. Facing slip showing Cali "AIR MAIL" postmark.

CANAL ZONE

UNISSUED

"ARMS OF PANAMA"

A-34 DESIGN

The 5c thru B/1.00 values (7 denominations) were prepared for use but never issued due to the edict that only U.S. stamps overprinted "CANAL ZONE" could be used after Aug. 31, 1924.

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Panama Historical Museum Opens

by **Adrien M. Bouche**

After almost 60 years, we have a Panama Historical Museum. The new museum is located in the Livestock Exchange Building in the Fort Worth, Texas Stockyards National Historical District. We share space with this Fort Worth Museum. The location is readily accessible from two Interstate highways and other routes and by public and private transportation. The museum is free and open to the public.

My grandfather, James A. Hess (neighbors of the Gaillards in Georgetown), originated the idea of the museum in the 1930s. His plan was to establish a memorial museum, library, and observatory to honor G.W. Goethals, D.D. Gaillard, and all who helped build the Panama Canal. The site envisioned was to be an enlarged fill at the extreme end of the mole at Cristobal.

For many reasons only two facets of the plan came to fruition. First was the plaque located on the east face of Contractor Hill dedicated to the memory of Gaillard. Second was establishment of the observatory in the vicinity of the Miraflores Water Filtration Plant. The memorial to Goethals, below the Administration Building on Balboa Prado, was built much later by the Canal Zone Government/Panama Canal Company (see Scott #158).

About 1983 the Panama Canal Society of Florida appointed a committee to investigate and report on the idea of a museum to be built at a site to be chosen later. However, there were no definitive results.

In late 1985, after the committee had been dissolved, I went to Washington to start yet another campaign to found or find a suitable museum. The first stop on what proved to be a long road was the Smithsonian Institution. There I was told that the Institution was not interested in the Panama Canal — a strange attitude in light of their research at Barro Colorado Island. That very day I heard the same thing from the Center for Military History (Pulaski Building, Washington). And Georgetown University wanted only part of our offerings. The U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, a logical host, is waiting for \$18,000,000 in donations for a building envisioned at Fort Belvoir, but now possibly in Fort Leonard Wood's future.

In 1989, my multi-hour sales talk to the President of the North Fort Worth Historical Society was successful. Up to this point, I had been turned down by 14 different institutions across the country.

I have shipped approximately 200 pounds of assorted material to the museum at Fort Worth. Newly completed remodeling has made significantly more space available, so a small Panama exhibit is now on display. There is no plan to show all of the Panama material at one time; the exhibit will be changed periodically.

Present plans are to truly make this a

PANAMA Historical Museum. It should be comprehensive, covering the history of the area from the prehistoric times to the earliest explorations up to the present. Too many people have forgotten why the original explorers went there in the first place! The canal, of course, plays the most significant role.

While we already have a lot of material, we can use much more in order to expand the scope and quality of the collection. All kinds of material are acceptable, from early photographs and drawings of construction crews and their bosses, living quarters and community facilities, work in progress, old correspondence and mementos, newspaper and magazine clippings, books, and physical artifacts of the area. Cash, too, is also welcome.

The collection will ultimately be expanded to include philatelic and post card representation.

Search your attics, basements, "catch-all" closets, and garages. You never know what you may find hidden away that would be more useful here than in your storage. It may be just the thing we need most. If not, you will have the satisfaction of a less cluttered home.

If you have any questions, want more information, or wish to make a donation of any kind, please contact:

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[**Editor's Note:** Kibby is a Zonian and was a long-time resident of the Canal Zone. Part of his duties were as unofficial photographer and historian. His access to official material sharpened his interest in preserving it as well as providing public access. Since there are few "Canal Diggers" left, and their offspring usually have little interest in their parents' or grandparents' artifacts, many items of historical interest are being lost. Personally, I am glad to find a last resting place for my own cannon balls, railroad ties, street signs, and glass tubes of colored rocks collected from the floor of Culebra cut. The Museum will do much to further his quest in preserving this material for all of us.]

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SESCAL '91, Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, October 11-13, 1991, Vermeil to Allan Harris, "Canal Zone Early Foreign Air Mail Service, 1925-31."

FLOREX '91, Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Orlando, Florida, November 1-3, 1991, Silver to Gary B. Weiss, "Classic Canal Zone First Days, 1904-1929."

PHILA NIPPON '91, Tokyo, Japan, November 16-24, 1991, Large Vermeil (Literature) to Plass, Brewster and Salz "Canal Zone Stamps."

INTERPEX 92, American Stamp Dealers Association, New York, NY, March 12-15, Vermeil to Gary B. Weiss, "Canal Zone Earliest Usages: 1904-1929."

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Canal Zone Study Group 1991 Financial Statement

Income:	1991 dues:	Regular	\$5,321	
		Contributing, Sustaining	4,080	\$9,401
Sales:		Book — <i>Canal Zone Stamps</i>	564	
		Other publications	223	
		Advertising — CZP	395	1,182
	Interest			3,045
	Mail Sale proceeds (Note)			3,533
	Miscellaneous		404	
				17,565
Expenses:		CZP printing, postage, editorial	5,281	
		Membership, publicity, administration	1,535	
		Printer for secretary	425	
		Miscellaneous 425		
		Handbook No. 8	1,948	9,614
	Income over Expenses			7,951
Net assets:	1 January 1991			50,289
	31 December 1991			<u>\$58,240</u>
Net Assets	31 December 1991: NOW account			\$64,602
	Less 1992 dues received in advance			<u>(6,362)</u>
				<u>\$58,240</u>

At December 31, all bills were paid.

Dues are reported as income in the year to which they relate.

Note: Mail Sale No. 20 results:

	Lots sold	\$83,763	
	Less payment to sellers	(75,386)	
	Net (10% to CZSG)		\$8,377
Expenses:	Printing	2,832	
	Postage	1,433	
	Other	579	4,844
	Net proceeds to CZSG		<u>\$3,533</u>

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